passenger amenity has been provided upto December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The facility of mobile library is available on the following trains:

1. 2301/2302 Rajdhani Express
2. 2381/2382 Poorva Express
3. 2303/2304 Poorva Express
4. 3073/3074 Himgiri Express
5. 5657/5658 Kanchanjungha Express
6. 6321/6322 Vivekananda Express
7. 3003/3004 Howrah Mail (via Allahabad)
8. 2391/2392 Magadh Express
9. 8002/8003 Howrah-Mumbai Mail
10. 2841/2842 Coromandol Express
11. 2815/2816 Neelachal Express
12. 8101/8102 Hatia-Pathankot Express
13. 4647/4648 Flying Mail
14. 2419/2420 Gomti Express.

Railways' Plans to seek Finances from ADB

5157. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have plans to take large finances from Asian Development Bank or other International financial institutions;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of funds;

(c) what the funds are meant for;

(d) what are the interest rates; and

(e) what is the period of maturity of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various proposals for undertaking loan from International Financial Institutions are as under:—

(1) Railways are negotiating with Asian Development Bank for a loan totalling about Rs. 3,800 Crores (including co-financing) for Rail Section Improvement Project covering aspects of augmentation of capacity, safety, etc.

(2) Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra have jointly approached World Bank of funding of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP). The total cost of rail components of MUTP is approximately Rs. 5,000 crores. Funding of the tune of 50%-60% is being negotiated from World Bank.

(3) A Loan Agreement has been signed with Kreditanstalt fur Weiderafbau (KFW), Germany for a soft loan of DM 185 Million for financing a project of Modernization of Signalling between Delhi and Kanpur.

(4) A proposal for extending French Mixed Credit of FF 60 Million to finance procurement of 3 phase AC / DC Traction Drive System for EMU of Mumbai area has been posed to the French Government.

(d) Terms and conditions of the proposed loan from Asian Development Bank and World Bank have not yet been settled. These loans generally carry interest rates variable every six months, linked to the cost of their funds.

(e) Period of maturity for Asian Development Bank Loan is 25 years including a grace period 5 years.

Period of maturity for World Bank Loan is 20 years including a grace period of 15 years.

Problems on Konkan Railway

5158. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that linslides, rockfall in cuttings are a regular feature on the Konkan Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that eight people have died on the tracks in Goa alone; and

(c) whether Konkan Railway is supposed to be fenced as per Committee on Railway safety requirement, if so, the reasons for not doing the same and by when in would be done?